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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450



Re: Application of Soichi YAMAZAKI and Hiroyuki MURAKAMI
TONER, FIXING DEVICE, AND IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS
Assignee: **SEIKO EPSON CORPORATION**
Our Ref. Q78071

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising one hundred twenty-seven (127) sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, three (3) sheets of tables and sixteen (16) sheets of drawings. **The requisite U. S. Government filing fee and copies of an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment will be submitted at a later date.**

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>61</u> - 20	= <u>41</u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u>\$738.00</u>
Independent claims	<u>1</u> - 3	= <u>1</u>	x	\$86.00	=	<u>\$86.00</u>
Base Fee						<u>\$770.00</u>
TOTAL FEE						<u>\$1508.00</u>

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2002-305188	October 18, 2002
Japan	2003-203638	July 30, 2003

The priority documents will be filed at a later date.

Since the anniversary of the priority date fell on **Saturday, October 18, 2003**, the filing of this application on **Monday, October 20, 2003** is sufficient to obtain the benefit of priority.

Respectfully submitted,
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